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HERE COMES THE GOBBLE ...



In a scene reminiscent of the Beatles' "Abbey Road" album, Meeker's local flock of turkeys cross Main Street the week before Thanksgiving. It's probably safe to say these birds won't be showing up on anyone's table Thursday. Scan the Zap code using the free ZAPPAR app on your smart phone for video, or click on the Zap in the digital edition.

KEVYN MACK PHOTO/VIDEO

RBC to move up on COVID dial

By HT STAFF

EDITOR'S NOTE: After press time on Tuesday, the CDPHE notified the county that RBC would be moving to yellow status on Nov. 30, rather than red as they had previously indicated. Read our full update at <https://www.theherald-times.com/state-moves-rbc-to-yellow-instead-of-red/rio-blanco-county/>

RBC | As of Monday, the county had recorded 102 new positive COVID-19 cases just in November, for a total of 132 since April.

"We are still seeing an increasingly steep increase in cases," said Rio Blanco County Public Health Director Alice Harvey during a weekly update. The majority of the new cases are in Meeker.

The county reported its first COVID-related death last week at Pioneers Medical Center. No details about the individual have been released.

Harvey said public health is working on reporting on outbreaks as they occur. "We ended up with about four or five outbreaks last week," she said.

An outbreak is defined as two or more individuals in a non-household setting that test positive within a two-week period.

"We're testing anywhere from five to 40 people a day out of public health," she said. The majority of positive cases are symptomatic.

Harvey said she expects the state to move the county out of Protect our Neighbor status — which has the least restrictions — later this week into Level Red: Severe Risk.

According to the CDPHE website, Level Red is "for counties with high levels of transmission, hospitalizations, and positivity rates. Most indoor activities are prohibited or strictly limited, and outdoor activities are encouraged as an alternative."

Moving to Level Red would increase restrictions on businesses, gatherings and events.

What changes:

- High risk populations should stay at home.
- Current variances will be reevaluated, and the county is not eligible for new variances.

Rio Blanco County Two-Week Cumulative Incidence: 1,031



Rio Blanco County Two-Week Average Positivity: 17.0%



No more than 2 new hospitalizations reported per day in the past two weeks in Rio Blanco County



Rio Blanco County's stats on the COVID-19 dashboard as of press time Nov. 24.

- No personal gatherings.
- High schools are suggested to go to a hybrid or remote program.
- Indoor church services limited to 25% or a max of 50.
- Indoor dining is closed. Take out, curbside, delivery are available.
- Last call moves to 8 p.m.
- Non-critical manufacturing staff reduced to 25%, or 50 max.
- Offices limited to 10%, remote work encouraged.
- Bars are closed.
- Gyms/fitness centers reduced to 10 indoors per room, or outdoors in groups less than 10.
- Group sports can be virtual, or conducted outdoors in groups less than 10.
- Retail services are reduced to 50% staff with increased curbside pickup and delivery, dedicated senior and at-risk hours encouraged.
- Personal services and limited health care settings drop to 25%.
- Indoor events are closed.
- Outdoor events are limited to 25%, attended only with members of your own household with 6 ft. spacing between groups.
- Outdoor guided services are limited to groups of no more than 10.

AND THE XMAS CHEER ...



Town of Rangely employees Kelli Neiberger, Heath Gebauer, and Bryan Mckay hard at work hanging the town's traditional holiday decorations on Main Street this week.

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~ James Madison

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Saturday: 40s/10s



Sunday: 40s/10s

● BEAVER MOON, NOV. 30

COUNTY BEAT

NOV. 24 MEETING

BY LUCAS TURNER
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RBC | The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners work session Tuesday, Nov. 24 began with an update from Public Health Director Alice Harvey.

Harvey informed the board that the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) will move the county out of its green Protect our Neighbor status to red Severe Risk status as of Friday, Nov. 27. The shift in status is a result of current test positivity and incidence rates and considerations regarding regional hospital capacity. Harvey reiterated that the county did not have a say in the matter including the board, the Sheriff or the Public Health Department.

"There will be no local process to apply for a variance. There will be no option to exempt as far as getting our businesses off the hook for this," she said.

The state Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) will be in charge of enforcement, including liquor license revocation, as an example of enforcement that has already occurred in Weld and other counties in the state.

Harvey reiterated that communication to business owners from the county needed to be clear. "The county will not be able to intercede in this situation when it comes to our status with Protect our Neighbor. We will lose that status, everything that was included in that will be null and void until we get our cases under control."

Emergency Manager and commissioner-elect Ty Gates then shared an update on the incident command system, whose efforts involve a joint messaging effort from the County, the Town of Meeker, the Town of Rangely, Pioneers Medical Center and Rangely District Hospital. IC also discussed the need for additional contact tracing help which will be done by county employees after receiving some training online.

Facilities director Eric Jaquez also gave project updates and received authorization to move forward on a \$15,578 contract with EMC Plumbing and Heating to

replace a boiler that provides heat to road and bridge department offices. Jaquez noted that the boiler was more than 20 years old and had exceeded its expected useful life.

The board also approved the use of the remaining \$54,754 of COVID relief funds to upgrade the central air system in the Radino Senior Hall in Rangely. The funds are expected to cover most of the project, but the board and staff discussed that some contingency funds might also be necessary. Jaquez said he was fairly sure the work could be completed for less than \$60,000. He also gave the board a heads up on another HVAC replacement/repair project that would come up in 2021. He said the estimated project could be a "significant replacement" but wasn't able to specify a cost until further inspection/investigation could be completed.

REGULAR MEETING

■ Approved the 2021 Rio Blanco County Fair dates of July 30 - Aug. 7, 2021.

■ Approved advertising for a Temporary Health Nurse position in the Public Health Department.

■ Approved a wage increase for the Accounting Technician in an amount not to exceed the 2020 appropriation, the increase is based on the position taking on DHS accounting duties

MOUS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

■ Approved an Agreement for Services with EMC Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for the Meeker Road and Bridge office boiler replacement in an amount not to exceed \$15,578.40

■ Approved an Agreement for Services with EMC Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for the Radino Senior Center Central Air Project in an amount not to exceed \$24,754.

■ Approved a Contract Modification Order with Western Gravel Contractors for the 2020 Bridge Maintenance Project for changes in field conditions, increasing the contract amount by \$18,225, for a new contract total of \$132,173.

PUBLIC COMMENT

During public comment

Rangely District Hospital CEO Kyle Wren shared an update on preparedness. Wren noted that the hospital had received two COVID patients over the weekend both of whom had been released. He also shared that the hospital had three negative pressure rooms, and said they could take care of up to eight COVID patients at a time, so long as only one of them was in critical condition. RDH has enough medicine (Remdesivir) for five patients. Wren also expressed concern over a case spike that could start 2-14 days after Thanksgiving. Commissioner Rector, who attended the meeting by phone, shared that he was one of two patients who had been treated at the hospital over the weekend and applauded their protocols and standards of care.

County Attorney Todd Starr wrapped up by disclosing that the county had unintentionally violated privacy laws under the Health Insurance Portability and Privacy Act (HIPAA) by publishing the information of "20 to 30" positive COVID-19 patients on the county website. Starr said the mistake was "due to operator error" and said the information was taken down as soon as county staff was made aware of it. Information released included names, ages and which community the patients lived in. According to Starr other information, including date of birth, social security numbers or otherwise "did not appear to have been disclosed," but did say that at least one person from outside the county had accessed the information. Per county policy, an apology letter will be sent to anyone whose name has been part of the breach.

During commissioner updates Moyer spoke about how important it was that everyone had the right to share their opinion. Rector shared an update on the advancement of a Liquefied Natural Gas export facility in Baja California.

The board then went into executive session to discuss "the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations: developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators." Starr clarified that the purpose of the discussion was related to a threat of litigation.

EXTRA SECRET SANTA...



ROXIE FROMANG PHOTO

A long-standing Rangely event is going to look a little different this year. After discussing COVID-19 concerns, the Rangely Elks BPOE #1907 decided that they would not be able to hold their annual Children's Christmas Party in December. Also recognizing that 2020 has been a year where many Rangely residents would need a little extra help with Christmas, the Elks members decided something needed to be done, so the Elks Secret Santa program was born. Similar to the Children's Christmas Party, the Elks will be asking the public for gift donations to redistribute to children in need. But instead of families coming to the Elks Lodge, the gifts will be delivered to individuals' homes. Children 0-12 years old are eligible to receive a gift. They will need to be nominated by Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. to receive a gift. If you would like to nominate a child please send the child's name, age, address, and parent or guardian information to rangelyelks1907@centurytel.net. Donation boxes will be out at Rangely businesses the week of Thanksgiving, or if you would like to make a donation you can also leave a message at 970-675-8533.

Light Bulb Campaign raises funds for PHF activities

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | You can still participate in the tradition of lighting the trees at the courthouse this year by sponsoring a bulb for \$5 each from Pioneers Healthcare Foundation. Proceeds from the Light Bulb Campaign go toward the activities of the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation, including Meals on Wheels, the Cancer Screening Fund for mammogram care, and the Future Healthcare Workers Scholarship program.

Each \$5 bulb can be named for a family member or friend, and/or honor those serving in the military who are away for the holidays. Names will be placed on a banner displayed on the courthouse lawn throughout the holiday season.

To participate, send a check payable to The Pioneers Healthcare Foundation before Nov. 30, 2020 to ATTN: Margie Joy, Pioneers Healthcare Foundation, 100 Pioneers Medical Center Dr., Meeker, CO 81641.

CORRECTIONS

In the article "Commissioners Regular Meeting Nov 17" published Nov. 19, the article stated that the board approved annexation for a 14-acre parcel of county-owned property. The property in question is referred to as the RBC Annex. In fact, the county rezoned the property from agricultural to industrial.

In the article "County Advertising for Three New and Updated Positions" published Nov. 19, the HT stated Moyer and Woodruff voted in favor of the Meeker Holiday Market event plan, and Woodruff voted against the plan. In fact, Moyer and Rector voted in favor. Woodruff did, indeed, vote against the plan in light of current public health concerns.

The HT regrets the errors, and appreciates the corrections.

TRADITIONS

12TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

2020 has been anything but traditional. We have all adapted, persevered and adjusted and through it all, our community has kept important traditions of caring, family and kindness.

For the past 12 years, Meeker has celebrated Christmas by lighting the trees at the Courthouse, and this year we continue the tradition as we support our local healthcare programs.

With each light bulb you purchase, you can name a family member or friend and/or honor those serving in the military who cannot be home for the holidays. Your loved ones name will be placed on a banner displayed on the courthouse lawn throughout the holiday season. Light bulbs are \$5 each.

Purchased light bulbs will help light up the trees at the courthouse through December. Your purchase will directly support local healthcare programs. This year's tree lighting will be videoed and posted on Facebook on Dec. 2.

We dedicate our light bulb campaign to support programs that make a difference for our community.

- ▶ **Meals on Wheels**
- free to qualified residents, 3,000-3,500 meals annually, record usage in 2020
- ▶ **Cancer Screening Fund**
- mammograms for uninsured or low income community members
- ▶ **Future Healthcare Workers Scholarship**
- supports Meeker residents pursuing healthcare education or certifications

Please contact Margie Joy at
970-878-9317 or
mjoy@pioneershospital.com
to sign up.

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Horizons Rio Blanco Little Points of Light Campaign Kick Off Party!

Join Horizons Specialized Services and Blanco Cellars and The Little Cheese Shop for a virtual party on

**Thursday, Dec. 3,
from 6 to 7 p.m.**

The event is free to attend!

Learn about Horizons Early Intervention Services, Family Support Program, and Little Points of Light Campaign.

Vanessa Trout will offer a presentation on how to make the perfect cheese board for any get-together or holiday

Go to horizonsnwc.org to register for the Zoom link.

To purchase a Little Points of Light Happy Hour Party Box for \$35, go to blancocellars.com and click on "Collections" then "Curated Collections" to order.

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Farm Bureau receives state award

PRESS RELEASE

Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER | Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau received the Policy Implementation Award of Excellence from the Colorado Farm Bureau (CFB), recognizing the Dance Without Wolves fundraiser hosted to defeat Proposition 114, the ballot initiative that will introduce wolves into Western Colorado. The Dance Without Wolves event raised \$34,000 and was a joint effort with Rio Blanco Cattlemen's and Woolgrowers including dinner, silent and live auctions, and a dance. Colorado Farm Bureau matched the \$34,000 dollar for dollar.

The money raised was utilized to educate and inform targeted voters of the issues associated with this ballot measure to sway them to vote NO on 114. Even though the measure passed by a slim margin, polling indicat-

ed that the efforts dropped the percentage in favor from 70% to 50.1% showing that these efforts are effective. Rio Blanco County played a major role in this effort and the end results showed it.

The award was presented at the annual Colorado Farm Bureau meeting held Nov. 21, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place, an all-state, in-person meeting was not possible. Each of the ten Farm Bureau districts across the state established a central meeting place in their district and the meeting was held virtually. District 10, which includes Rio Blanco County, held their meeting at the Meeker Fire Protection District's meeting room with representatives from Routt, Moffat and Garfield counties joining Rio Blanco representatives.

During the meeting, the CFB presidency changed hands from Don Shawcroft (Conejos County) to Carlyle Currier (Mesa

County). James Henderson (Conejos County) became the new CFB Vice President. More locally, Angela Ryden (Garfield County) retired as the District 10 representative and our own Callie Hendrickson was voted in to take her place. Kelly Osborn (Rio Blanco County) accepted a continued position of District 10 representative to the Women's Leadership Committee.

The organization would have preferred to meet as a state and in-person, but this provided a safe way to get business accomplished. Our thanks to the Rio Blanco Fire Protection District for allowing CFB the use of their beautiful facility in this centralized location. The wonderful audio and visual equipment allowed our connections to be one of the best in the state. Congratulations Rio Blanco Farm Bureau on your state award and representation at the state level.



COURTESY PHOTO

Janice Weinholdt Farm Bureau President, Kelly Osborn FB and Women's Leadership Committee member, Callie Hendrickson FB Vice President and district 10 representative and Kendra Young FB member.

NEWS BRIEFS

Window shop with The Upstairs Gallery

MEEKER | The Upstairs Gallery is closed at the moment, however, it will be open for some Small Business Saturday window shopping. Shop the Hugus building windows, text or leave a voicemail for Pat @ 970-799-9375 with your name and item numbers. Pick up between 2-5 p.m. at the 594 Main Hugus door. Fine art and crafts and great gifts by Pat Sheeran/Daggett, Maym Cunningham, Andy Goettel, Tasha Geodert, Suzi Kull, Jere Taylor, Janele Husband, Roberta Hawks, Jennifer Taylor, Tim Knouff and Katie Conrado. Wear a mask.

Hwy. 13 construction nearly finished

MEEKER | Construction on Highway 13 between Meeker and Rifle is almost at its conclusion. This week, work will end on Wednesday by noon and crews will not return to the site until Monday, Nov. 30 to wrap up minor work items. The 12-foot width restriction has also been lifted.

ERBM closure due to COVID-19

MEEKER | Due to COVID-19 related staffing concerns, ERBM Recreation & Park District operations and facilities (including the Meeker Recreation Center) will be closed beginning Tuesday, Nov. 17, until further notice. More information, as it becomes available, will be posted at www.ERBMrec.com.

Little Points of Light virtual kick off

RBC | Join Horizons Specialized Services and Blanco Cellars & The little Cheese Shop for a virtual party on Thursday, December 3rd from 6-7pm. This event is free to attend. Learn about Horizons Early Intervention Services, Family Support Program, and Little Points of Light Campaign. Vanessa Trout will offer a presentation on how to make the perfect cheese board for any get-together or holiday party. Go to horizonsnwc.org to register for the Zoom link. To purchase a Little Points of Light Happy Hour Party Box for \$35, go to Blanco Cellars & The little Cheese Shop's website, blancocellars.com, then click on Shop, then Curated Collections.

COVID-19 testing options

RBC | Rio Blanco County Public Health and Environment offers COVID-19 testing for all citizens who are symptomatic and/or have had a known exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and would like a test. Due to community spread, drive-up testing will now be offered Monday through Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. in both Meeker and Rangely.

The designated COVID-19 testing area is the South parking lot in both Meeker and Rangely. When you arrive, please remain in your vehicle and a Public Health nurse will assist you.

If you are in need of a COVID-19 test for clearance for travel or part of your preoperative guidelines, please reach out to Pioneers Medical Center, 970-878-9796, or the Rangely District Hospital at 970-620-3969.

For further information, please contact the Rio Blanco County Public Health & Environment Department at 870-878-9520.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Minor and major keys

By **NIKI TURNER**
editor@ht1885.com

I've never been very good at completing those "30 days of gratitude" lists people do in November, but if there's ever been a year when we need to purposefully find the good around us and be grateful for it, this is the time.

Many of the things we look forward to during the holiday season aren't going to be the same this year, and that can make holidays especially difficult. The loss of a tradition, or having someone missing from the Thanksgiving table, or not being able to do things the way you normally would is stressful.

It's been a long time since I played the piano, but I remember learning the difference between the major and minor keys. In a very simplified sense, a song that's written in a major key has a happy, cheerful sound, and a song written in a minor key sounds gloomy and sad. If 2020 was a song, it would be in

a minor key. Played with a missing key, a broken string or two, and a cat screeching in the background.

Sad songs have their place in the world, but if you listen to nothing but sad songs, don't be surprised if you find yourself feeling down. So if the whole year is in a minor key, how can we change our tune personally and avoid falling into the pit of despair? We've baked, we've learned new hobbies or picked up forgotten ones, we've added healthy habits (hopefully), read books, done household renovations. What can we keep doing, everyday, to keep going? I keep coming back to gratitude.

I know it sounds cliché, especially this week, but it works.

Look around and find something to be thankful for. Anything. I'm thankful for the



Thanksgiving cactus in my office that bloomed this week (yes, there is such a thing as a Thanksgiving cactus, and it's slightly different from a Christmas cactus).

I'm thankful for my neighbors down the street who put up their Christmas lights early this year.

And I'm thankful there is some good news on the horizon. Vaccines that appear to be highly effective have been developed in a miraculously short time and could become available as soon as next month. If nothing else has gone right during this pandemic, that might be the one bright spot.

Those vaccines won't be here on time to stop the wave we're currently riding, but they might be here in time to prevent the next one if we buckle down and do the things we've been asked to do. We know how to slow the spread of this illness.

And, by the way, I'm thankful for all of you, our readers and our advertisers and subscribers. You're the reason we keep doing this crazy thing, week after week. Stay safe out there.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Typhoid Mary

Dear Editor:

Typhoid Mary was a real person. She was not sick and did not have symptoms of typhoid. She spread the disease to many people. We all want the kids back in school and businesses to open. Everyone needs to do their part to stop the spread of this pandemic. Seriously, how hard is it to social distance and wear a mask in public? Nurses like my daughter do it 10 hours a shift and are being asked to cover more time. Please don't be self-centered and remember all the others affected by this pandemic. Thank you.

Elaine Jordan
Meeker

Waiting for a vaccine

Dear Editor:

News of progress toward a coronavirus vaccine is encouraging. Preliminary results from the Pfizer/Biontech and Moderna vaccine trials show remarkable efficacy with few side effects. That's good news. It is very good news.

With no effective cure at present, poor compliance with public health recommendations, and a worsening pandemic, progress toward a vaccine provides a beacon of hope. Vaccine development has proceeded rapidly, but that's only the start. A vaccine in a vial is worthless. People have to take the vaccine. There's the challenge.

Even with the most optimistic distribution timetable, these two early vaccines probably won't meet the safety and efficacy criteria for approval and enter the public health system until the end of December. Initial doses will be given to frontline health care workers, then to people most at risk, as in nursing homes, the elderly, and essential service workers (CDC, 2020). There won't be enough vaccine in distribution for the general population until spring.

And then, if the vaccine is going to stop the pandemic, a high proportion of the community has to accept the vaccination. Current best estimate is that at least 70% of the population has to be vaccinated in order to prevent outbreaks. People will have

to step up, not just for their personal protection but to protect neighbors who might be at risk. In this pandemic, that's all of us.

As with previous vaccine development, we won't know for certain the full incidence of side effects or adverse health effects of these vaccines until they have been in use for months to years. What we do know is that the companies are proceeding with the well-established, rigorous protocols of vaccine testing and authorization. When a vaccine is released, it will be as safe and effective as humanly possible.

There is no other safe route, other than a vaccine, to establish general immune protection in the population. The misguided notions to establish "herd immunity" by letting the virus run wild are terribly dangerous (Aschwander, 2020).

For three years, 40-some years ago, I volunteered as an instructor in the medical training programs in Kenya, East Africa, training doctors to run medical clinics in the African bush. We saw the end of smallpox; the last cases were reported out of Somalia. Smallpox used to cause untold death and suffering. It was eliminated through a massive vaccination effort led by the World Health Organization.

Smallpox was gone from Kenya, but I witnessed the ravages of measles. Measles still led among the childhood killers in East Africa, with a 10% mortality rate, and the pediatrics wards were filled with its victims. In my seven years of medical training in the U.S. I had seen just one case of measles. It was considered so unusual that all the residents in training were notified. It had, by then, been essentially eradicated in the U.S. by the MMR vaccine.

The same is true for many other infectious diseases. Diphtheria, polio, tetanus: historical killers that are now essentially unheard of in countries with established vaccination programs. Malaria remains the outstanding target for an effective vaccine. Malaria and the emerging viruses that will follow SARS-COV-2, our current scourge. Vaccination saves lives. Vaccines protect individuals. Vaccines protect populations.

We don't know yet whether the two doses of the likely

coronavirus vaccine regimen will provide lifelong immunity (probably not) or whether we'll need yearly vaccination as with influenza (most likely, by current evidence). That will be determined as we gain more understanding of the coronavirus and our immune systems. What is absolutely clear right now is this: vaccinations save lives and prevent suffering. The research reports on coronavirus vaccines appear much more encouraging than anticipated. Plan to get yours when it becomes available. (And get vaccinated for influenza, if you haven't already done so.)

Meantime, and continuing beyond the time when the vaccine becomes available, wear a mask, stay a distance, wash your hands, and avoid large gatherings, especially indoors. There is no doubt that those measures save lives. If everyone complied, we could reverse the pandemic even before the vaccine.

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Bob Dorsett, MD
Meeker

We need a 'Great Rio Blanco COVID-19 plan' with input from all sources

Dear Editor:

The communities of Meeker, Rangely and Dinosaur are informed that a COVID-19 vaccine may be approved by the Food & Drug Agency (FDA) as early as December 2020 because of Warp Speed. Upon such federal approval, it will be distributed to all states and other entities including counties. This is a massive undertaking and will generate millions of syringes, doses, packaging, and forms, and paperwork. Does Rio Blanco County have written plans and procedures

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GUEST COLUMN: LOOSE ENDS

It's still about family

By **DOLLY VISCARDI**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I The real story of Thanksgiving is rooted in family. No matter what actually transpired between the Native American and the Europeans, who arrived on the shores of this New World, recognition of the importance of family and friends traditionally gathering is clear. No matter one's material wealth, getting together to show gratitude is an annual event for most families.

This year will be no different. Many families will be gathering together by sitting down in front of a table or desk, facing a computer screen and getting together "virtually" on Thanksgiving Day. I am grateful that I am able to still see my family and friends, as years ago I felt awful about missing the meal with my far-flung family. Many members of my extended family have been working and going to school remotely for months, so they could be said to be burned out of "Zoom." I have been lucky enough to see some of my immediate family

members "up close and personal" and have not tired of daily digital communication yet. I think back to my conversations with so many pioneer family members who remembered how hard it was to do without their loved ones on holidays especially. My plans this year include the time-honored favorites of eating turkey, watching football, and most of all spending the day with family. Even if a few of the family's faces will be visible from a small computer screen, the important thing is we can still be together. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

GUEST COLUMN

Thank you for allowing me to serve

By **SCOTT TIPTON**
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I Thanksgiving is here and the holiday season is now in full swing. In what has been a year full of hardships and unexpected outcomes, 2020 has certainly tested our nation's resolve. Regardless of the events of this year, if you are reading this today, there are certainly blessings worth reflecting on. Whether it be your and your family's continued good health, promising signs of economic recovery — owed greatly to the recent successes of scientists and health researchers on finding a vaccine — or any number of reasons, this time of the year is an important opportunity to pause and show appreciation for the things that matter most.

Committees on small business, agriculture, natural resources and most recently, financial services, each with jurisdiction over some of our district's most pressing issues. Over the course of the last decade, I am proud to have worked to pass legislation protecting some of our most scenic natural areas and cultural treasures, preserving historic multiple use of our public lands, defending water rights, supporting our farmers and ranchers, providing relief to communities devastated by wildfires, leveling the playing field for small businesses to compete and thrive, and putting the Third District on the map as the new headquarters of the Bureau of Land Management. I am especially proud of an extensive list of legislative accomplishments that earned me the ranking as the eighth most effective Republican member in the 115th Congress. This was achieved through a collaborative manner and always listening to and trusting information from local officials and constituents across the district. I am honored

to have spearheaded efforts such as stopping arbitrary rules made by Washington bureaucrats that would have ended century-old family farming practices, securing long sought-after funding for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in Pueblo County, and tweaking the Paycheck Protection Program to better serve Main Street businesses during this pandemic, among others. I will always look back at my career knowing that I gave it my all to serve communities across our diverse district. Since the onset of this pandemic I have fought to bring federal resources to our rural communities to keep hospitals open, small businesses afloat and families paid. As our nation moves forward to address remaining challenges, my colleagues and I have forged a solid path to eliminate our reliance on China for future pandemic readiness as well as our nation's growing energy demands. This effort has largely been bipartisan, indicating a willingness for members of Congress to set aside partisanship and work for the common good of American families.

I sincerely hope that your voices will continue to be heard, especially as the nation prepares for the likely change in administration and a divided Congress. Fortunately, we often find there is more that unites us than divides us as Americans. We must never lose sight of the fact that as united citizens of this great nation, we will join together to overcome any difficulties that lie ahead. With that in mind, I want to share my deep appreciation for the last ten years of having been your representative. The opportunity to serve you and our country has been the honor of my life. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. May God bless you and keep you safe this holiday season.

GUEST COLUMN

COVID Hopeful

By **KAYE SULLIVAN**
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I "It is not even the beginning of the end, but it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." I often recall these words from Winston Churchill who was announcing a small victory for the Allies. The message from World War II is that we are not finished with this war, but we are making significant progress. The "end of the beginning" of staggering losses.

That's how I feel about the COVID fight in the United States and the world. Just like WWII, we weren't prepared when we should have been, we didn't have the resources to fight the war, and we thought we were invincible.

Then, we weren't aggressive in the early days to establish a fighting force, coordinate resources, get the home team on board, or even to realize our society as we know it is crumbling.

Britain, Europe, and the USA went on to fight a horrific war that lasted many years, sacrificed the lives of young fighting men, devastated the economy, got the home crowd growing food in their victory gardens, along with suffering rationing of basics like coffee, butter, tires, gasoline.

Does this sound familiar? So, when we possibly turn the corner on managing COVID with some promising vaccines, we are cheered, thankful, and can't wait for them to arrive. Realistically, this is as

Churchill said, "the end of the beginning" not the end of the war. Potential vaccines won't fix all the devastation COVID has caused in our economy, lifestyles, or communities.

Of course, we all want COVID to be over, right now. I don't think that will happen. Vaccines are just the beginning of the many fixes needed to return us to normal or something approaching that. This pandemic has invaded the deepest regions of our hearts and souls and we better toughen up for the still hard days to come.

As Christmas approaches, let's rejoice in the likely finding of many COVID vaccines that appeared thanks to many scientists' hard work. It is a huge step in the right direction. And let's be compassionate about who receives these vaccines first.

Rio Blanco County, many of you turned your back on this pandemic and treated it like a non-event. Our positive cases have risen rapidly, including me, this week. Please, please, please follow the safety protocols — they are so easy to do.

And, keep in mind that since our county chose to opt out and refuse state mandated practices, we Rio Blanco County residents will likely be the last to receive COVID vaccines. Happy now?

While we rejoice in the advances in vaccines, the COVID war is far from over. Let's not get complacent or live in denial or thrive on "my right." We are only at the end of the beginning battle.

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and contact information in place to receive its share of these medical vaccines ASAP and stand ready to show others how it can be done? We have the talents to plan. Let's begin.

No. 1. How will we receive these materials? Will they be delivered by Fed Express, UPS, Military, law enforcement, or private source? Does it come by car, truck, bus, train or air or by a combination?

No. 2. Does Rio Blanco have detailed contact information on the sources, its transportation, and its transfer sites? Its needed storage locations? do we have dependable cold storage facilities available for the next year. Do we need dry ice? How much? Where are all the local and out of state sources? Do we need high grade freezers? Should Rio Blanco send our own team to pick up our supplies and guard/watch over it? If there is a second dose, what are the plans? if a person declines the dose, what are the consequences? Time to reconsider? Go to the end of the line?

No. 3. Who is in charge of the Great Rio Blanco COVID-19 Plan? This will be the true test of leadership.

No. 4. Politicians? county or state, local law enforcement? State or local medical, the public health nurse? MD's, PHD's, Do the leaders have the resources, communications, funding and staff that they need for this undertaking? Contact

information?

No. 5. The priceless value of these dose kits? If one was going to ship a crate of legal cash, or gold or diamonds or illegal cocaine or meth, there has to be high security and accountability. There is always a black market value on life-saving medicines that are in short supply. The Rio Blanco Plan competes with the Eastern slope of Colorado, and every other county in every other state. In sum, we need a GREAT RIO BLANCO COVID-19 VACCINE PLAN.

No. 6. How do we distribute the dose kits under the Rio Blanco Plan? Hospital, EMT, firefighters, local law enforcement? By industry — electricity, telephone, radio, road and bridge, water, power, and their families? By age, health? Pregnant? Teenagers, children, babies? Make a list and stick to it.

No. 7. Start with three large binders, three dividers: Meeker, Rangely, Dinosaur with 30 tabs for each community and start collecting contact information. For example tab (a) maps, tab (b) contacts: medical contact personnel, law enforcement personnel, elected officers, airports, college, schools, computer support, fire, EMS, coroner, grocery stores,

Meeker Streaker or public transportation, how many school buses?

We have the talents and resources to meet this logistic crisis. We can figure out a way to make this vaccine locally in Colorado. Let's contact these vaccine manufacturers directly. What equipment is required? get a list. We have a college by an airport that can change its course load to instruct the new generation of Colorado vaccine makers. Now we must stand in line with many other Americans.

Respectfully,
Joe Fennessy
Meeker

CONSERVATION CORNER

Forest Health and Pine Beetles

CSU-Extension states: "Mountain Pine Beetles (MPB), *Dendroctonus ponderosae*, are the most important insect pest to Colorado's pine forests." They can have devastating effects on whole systems. Unfortunately, there are currently millions of dead trees across western North America. Prior to signs of dying trees, indications of an MPB infestation include: pitch tubes on the tree's trunk, boring dust on or near the tree, yellow to reddish foliage, and the presence of live beetles (eggs, adults, etc.) under the bark.

The term "Pine Beetle" is often used as an umbrella term to discuss these insects. There are actually several different types of these infectious insects. The true Mountain Pine beetle affects many different types of pines, including Ponderosa, Lodgepole, Scotch, and Limber. Bristlecone and Pinyon pine are less likely to be infested. The Douglas-Fir beetle attacks Douglas-Fir; usually accompanied by other stressors. The Spruce beetle infests Englemann and Colorado Blue spruce. The Red Turpentine beetle attacks injured pines. The Ips Beetles, a group of eleven species of bark beetles, also infest pine and spruce trees.

Prevention of MPB is critical. Most mature Colorado forests have about twice as many trees per acre as those forests which are more resistant to MPB. Beetles prefer old, dense forests. Beetle infestations can be prevented simply by managing the forest to create diversity in age and structure. Diversity results in a more resilient and less vulnerable forest.

Large scale control options are limited to extreme cold temperatures (-30° for five days or more) which may have a significant effect on larvae populations. For more information, contact CSU Extension or visit <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/insects/mountain-pine-beetle-5-528/> or scan the ZapCode (click in the digital version).



Exalting Christ's Position (3)

By **Dr. J. D. Watson**
Pastor-Teacher, Grace Bible Church

... God hath highly exalted him ... that Jesus Christ is Lord ... (Phil. 2:9-11)



■ **Dr. J.D. Watson**

CONTRARY to popular teaching, salvation doesn't come first and then lordship later when we decide to obey. One who does not acknowledge Jesus as ruling Lord who he now desires to follow and obey is not a true believer. In fact, because the natural man will never submit to the Lordship of Christ, Paul reminded the Corinthians, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost" (1 Cor. 12:3). Later he added, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha" (16:22). "Maranatha" is two Aramaic words (*maran atha*) that mean "our Lord has come" and intensifies "Anathema" (devoted to destruction), pointing to the approaching judgment by that very Lord when He returns. Those who do not recognize Him as Lord, right along with "Jesus" (Savior) and "Christ" (Anointed Messiah) is cursed.

So, is it any wonder that Jesus is called Lord more than 700 times, 92 of which are in the book of Acts where He is called "Savior" only twice? Lord (sovereignty and rule) is what He is all about! This name, in fact, will be further expanded: "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16). It is grievous, indeed, that the so-called Lordship Salvation Debate arose back in the 1980s (cf. Aug. 18). Without Lordship there is no salvation, and denying this fact is horrific error. It attacks the very foundation of salvation.

Fourth and finally, then, we note the reason for his exaltation (2:11b). As with everything else, the reason for all this is the glory of God the Father. That dear pastor and expositor James Montgomery Boice offers us this little masterpiece:

"This is not true of any honor given to humans. If you glorify human beings, you dishonor God. You do so if you exalt yourself or your merits as a means of salvation, or exalt human beings as mediators between yourself and God, as saints who win God's favor for you, or exalt human wisdom as that which is ultimately able to solve the world's problems, or place your hopes for the future in psychiatry, science, systems of world government, or whatever it may be. If you exalt the ability of mankind in any of those ways, you dishonor God, who declares that all of our works are tainted by sin and that we will never solve our own problems or the problems of others except by turning to Christ and depending upon his power to do it. *The only way to honor God is to give honor to Jesus Christ.*"

My Dear Christian Friend, I pray this encourages us in how we should respond when our Lord's name is dishonored and in whatever way it is dishonored. Let us exalt Christ alone. Let us not give Him just lip service. With the Christmas season approaching, let us not focus just on the child in a manger but primarily on the Christ of majesty.

Scriptures for Study: Take some time today to exalt Christ alone with these verses: John 5:22-27; Acts 2:32-36; 5:31; Romans 14:9-11; Ephesians 1:20-23; Hebrews 2:9; 12:2; 1 Peter 1:21. How have these six studies on exalting Christ encouraged you?

We hope you will visit our website www.TheScriptureAlone.com, where you will find not only our podcast of these devotional studies but also other resources for Christian growth, including messages in MP3 media files. You are also invited to worship with us at Grace Bible Church (on the corner of 3rd and Garfield) at 10:30 A.M. each Lord's Day, where the ministry is: "continu[ing] steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

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Tis the season to give thanks ...

I'm thankful that both my husband and I have been able to work throughout this pandemic. I'm thankful for our health and above everything, I am thankful for my beautiful daughter!
~ Kaylee Ahrens

I am thankful for the people who are our first line of defense. Law enforcement and paramedics as well as hospital staff. Also, I'd like to give a shout out to the folks that work in the markets and convenience stores. They put their own health at risk just like health care and law enforcement.
~ Brett Dearman

Getting to spend more one on one time with my husband! We have discovered when we can retire we can be together a lot and be OK. The slowdown has been very good for us.
~ Melanie McKee

The pandemic has reminded all to stay home if you feel sick. A simple infection prevention measure that society had forgotten about.
~ Sarah Coker

Thankful the family is healthy and close in spirit, even though we can't be together this year, we are closer than ever.
~ Thomas DeVito

I am thankful that I can see God's hand and faithfulness in my life. Even through a most difficult year.
~ Chelly Peters

God has made it OK to stay at home and enjoy your family again through this virus ... and for that I'm so very thankful.
~ Velvet Scott

President Donald Trump!
~ Tom Kilduff

God's love and President Donald Trump.
~ Sheryl Little-Myers

I'm grateful to live in the USA where we get to make our own choices without government retribution, & of course, I am thankful for family & friends!
~ Cathie Dolan



Having a hard time with the holidays? You are not alone.

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Colorado Crisis Services continues to field a record-breaking number of calls and texts during the COVID-19 pandemic, topping 24,800 services last month alone.

Calls and texts to the crisis line have steadily increased during the pandemic. Compared to January and February of this year, average monthly volume is up more than 33 percent between March and October. The crisis line has exceeded 21,000 calls and texts in every month of the pandemic except April, reaching an all-time high of 24,843 contacts in October.

"With the ongoing pandemic, economic downturn, natural disasters and social unrest, it's been a very challenging year for people across our state," said Robert Werthwein, director of the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, which oversees Colorado Crisis

Services. "You don't have to be diagnosed with a substance use or mental health condition to be struggling right now. We encourage all Coloradans to reach out anytime, for themselves or a friend."

Crisis line staff answered more than 800 calls and texts each day in October. Throughout the pandemic, anxiety, depression and thoughts of suicide have remained top reasons for contacting the crisis line.

Colorado Crisis Services provides residents with mental health, substance use or emotional crisis help, information and referrals. Its mission is to strengthen Colorado's mental health system by providing Coloradans with greater access to crisis services, regardless of ability to pay.

If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs help dealing with one, call 1-844-493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255 to speak to a trained professional. Learn more at coloradocrisiservices.org.

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OBITUARIES

James Conrad Carstens

June 9, 1932 ~ Nov. 3, 2020



Jim Carstens

On Nov. 3, 2020, James Conrad Carstens left this world to be with his "Sweetie."

Jim was born on June 9, 1932, to Alex Carstens and Nona Recor-Carstens in Rifle, Colorado, and later, his family moved to Meeker, Colorado, where he attended primary and secondary schools and graduated from Rio Blanco County High School (Meeker High School) in 1950. He then joined the United States Navy in January 1952, and attended basic training in San Diego, California. When Jim completed his training, he was stationed aboard the USS George Destroyer Escort. In the summer of 1952, he was sent to Class A Yeoman school where he graduated at the top of his class. One of his favorite assignments during his military service was being more suitably stationed for ground duty in Kodiak, Alaska, after perpetual bouts of seasickness. During his tour of duty, Jim received the "Korean Service Medal," the "United Nations Service Medal," the "National Defense Service Medal," and a "Good Conduct Medal", and he was honorably discharged in November 1955. Upon his discharge, he moved to Rangely, Colorado, where he began dating the love of his life, his "Sweetie," Mary Dawn Slack. The two lovebirds were married on June 16, 1957, in Meeker, Colorado.

Jim and his bride moved to Grand Junction where they both enrolled in courses at Mesa College. After Jim completed his Associate's Degree, the couple moved to Gunnison, Colorado, where they were both resident assistants at Western State College (WSC), and Jim obtained his Master of Arts in 1961 from WSC. Jim subsequently took his first teaching assignment in El Centro, California, but later returned to Grand Junction and was hired at Mesa College as an instructor in the business department. He then moved his family to Fort Collins where he earned his Doctor of

Philosophy from Colorado State University and again returned to Mesa College as a professor. Jim was later hired as the Dean of the Business School and was very proud of the fact that he was instrumental in bringing the first masters program to Mesa.

Having the desire to raise their family in a smaller community, Jim and Dawn purchased and remodeled a historical home in Palisade in 1971, where they moved the family in 1972. Jim became a weekend farmer when he bought a peach orchard, but when his daughters didn't build homes and raise his grandchildren on that land, he sold the orchard and dedicated his life to taking care of "Sweetie." They remained in Palisade until their times of death.

Jim lived an active life filled with outdoor adventures. He was a master fly fisherman, enjoyed hunting, and loved driving fast in cars and on snow machines; he was flat-out crazy on motorcycles. He loved to "scooter-poop" on the desert with his Mesa College buddies and daughters, and if you look closely at the motorcycle trails on the north side of I-70, you might still see remnants of his numerous motorcycle escapades. When Jim could no longer safely participate in his outdoor activities, he switched to being a spectator at indoor sporting events. Jim and Dawn were often seen across Colorado at women's volleyball and basketball games from middle and high school gyms to collegiate competitions at Colorado Mesa University.

Jim had many hobbies, including chess, cribbage, and "poker with the boys." He hosted numer-

ous crazy snooker and poker parties in the basement of the house, and thoroughly loved beating everyone in everything. No matter the sport or the activity, Jim was always the competitor in everything he did, and if he couldn't win by following the rules, he was known to cheat and do it very well. Also, if he failed to win, he often had temper tantrums and would upset the board, throw his racket, or tear up the deck of cards, to the great humor of his family. Learning to navigate technology and playing games on his phone also created many frustrations for Jim, and the family often joked with him about him beating his phone. He dearly loved hunting and fishing with family and friends and spending time at both his Ute Creek cabin and his Arrowhead cabin. During his tenure at Mesa College, he stayed fit and ready for his outdoor frivolities by playing racquetball every day at lunch. After his retirement, he built a pickleball court at his home and participated in family tournaments, and when he could no longer play, he became the line judge where he could control the game and enjoy a "toddy."

"Little fat-man Carstens" was forever the infamous jokester, and no matter the situation, he always had a joke to share or a witty comeback. He often entertained his grandchildren by rolling out his false teeth or asking if they wanted to see where the Indian had shot him. Although his ornery attitude was ever-present, his soft-heart was illuminated by his relationship with his dogs. He truly cherished his fur children and made regular stops for dog treats at the Edward Jones office on his daily walks.

Jim experienced many special friendships over the course of his life. The Ridings family in Meeker who provided him with a home during his youth was always dear to his heart. He maintained his jokester friendships with all of his Mesa College buddies even after his

retirement. Jim and Dawn were also very thankful for the friendships they experienced and the assistance they received from their dear Palisade friends who are too many to list. Jim's coffee club became increasingly important over the past couple of years and provided Jim with tremendous emotional support over the last nine months. After Dawn's passing, Jim developed a very special bond with Shelly Cark who filled in as his daily cribbage buddy and dear confidante, and between her and Fritz, he had a reason to get up in the morning and something to look forward to each day.

Jim is predeceased by his "Sweetie" Dawn Carstens, his parents, his two older brothers Clayton and Marvin Carstens, his younger brother "Spark" Carstens, and a great-grandson. He is survived by sister Karen (Bob) Miller; daughter, Staci (David) O'Connell of Pocatello, Idaho; daughter, Krista (Bill) Carsten of Hotchkiss, Colorado; grandson, Zachary O'Connell (Britta Usedom) of Bend, Oregon; grandson, Chase O'Connell of Idaho Falls, Idaho; grandson Brandon (Amy) Bell of Hotchkiss, Colorado; grandson, Keaton (Nicole) Bell of Palisade, Colorado; granddaughter, Ce'rra (Matt) Westerman of Hotchkiss, Colorado; granddaughter, Taylor Carsten (Marcus Norton) of Wiggins, Colorado; great-grandson, Paxton Bell of Hotchkiss, Colorado; great-grandson, Blaine Bell of Palisade, Colorado; great-granddaughter, Loni Bell of Hotchkiss, Colorado; great-grandson, Cortez Bell of Hotchkiss, Colorado; and great-granddaughter, Sienna Bell of Palisade, Colorado.

A celebration of life both Jim and Mary Dawn Carstens will be held on April 11, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Orchard River View in Palisade, Colorado. A potluck dinner will follow the service.

Ronald L. Davis

Dec. 26, 1946 ~ Oct. 17, 2020

Ron lost his five-year battle with cancer on Oct. 17, 2020, at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Ron was an avid outdoorsman, loved to hunt, loved playing three-card poker in Vegas, fishing, shooting, cooking and camping. He was a very generous person and was loved by anyone

that knew him. He was always ready to help those in need. Ron will be missed by us all.

He lived in Meeker for 30-plus years. He is survived by brothers Mark, Michael and Brian, and sister Janet, along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be held at Meadow Lake in July 2021.

DEATH NOTICES

Mike Joos

Nov. 19, 2020



Mike Joos

The Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Office announced late last week that former Rio Blanco County Undersheriff Mike Joos, who had been working for the Sheriff's Office in Elbert County, passed away in his sleep on Nov. 19, 2020. Joos served as undersheriff in Rio Blanco County from 2003 to 2015.

Sharon Kay Jones

Feb. 3, 1943~Nov. 17, 2020

A private funeral was scheduled in Rifle.

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OCTOBER CASES

5

NOVEMBER CASES

112

HOSPITALIZATIONS

9

DEATHS

1

TOTAL CASES (SINCE 4/1/20)

142

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TIFFANY JEHOEK PHOTO

Indians prevail over Cowboys in quarterfinal

BY TIFFANY JEHOEK
Special to the Herald Times

MEEKER I Meeker walked into Strasburg ready for a battle. The Cowboys had first possession of the game and took full advantage. Kelton Turner ran the ball down to the 50-yard-line on the kick return and just over four and half minutes later, Jeremy Woodward had the first score of the night, the first score against Strasburg so far in 2020. It was the first time Strasburg was behind all year.

"The boys played hard, they played their hearts out," said head coach Shane Phelan. "It is heartbreaking how it ended the way it did, but sometimes that is just how sports are."

Strasburg then scored two more times making it 14-6 for the Indians, but then on the kick return, Turner ran 85 yards to put the Cowboys within two. Ryan Phelan ran it in for the extra two points and the Cowboys and Indians were tied 14-all at the end of the first half.

"They are a good team and have been through some battles," said Phelan. "It was disappointing we couldn't get it done in those critical times, but it was a great effort, nothing to hang our head about."

The second half opened with an Indian possession and score that was answered in three plays by Woodward and the extra two once again by Phelan. With 6 minutes and 14 seconds left in the third Meeker once again pulled ahead, 22-21.

As the game progressed the Cowboys fully stopped the Indian drive, but these well-matched teams kept going back and forth, scoring nearly every possession. With just under a minute left in the game, Phelan met Spud White in the end zone and the game was within two, 34-36. The Cowboys couldn't convert the extra two, but a successful onside kick after the score recovered by Colby Clatterbaugh gave them one more chance. The recovered kick started their drive in Indian territory, but Meeker was beaten by the clock and the game came to an end 34-36, Strasburg.

Phelan threw for 106 yards, 48 to Clatterbaugh and 36 to White. On the ground Turner had 85 and Woodward 79. Defensively Turner also led in tackles with 14, Clatterbaugh had 13 and Zach Eskelson and Cooper Main both had eight.

"This year when August rolled around the guys were really excited, then it was taken away, only to later go back and forth, but in the end they got a season and were able to compete," began Phelan. "The guys wanted an opportunity to be with their teammates and friends and be able to play. It was great they got some normalcy in the world we are living in."

"We appreciate all the help and community support and it was disappointing that the fans couldn't come to our last contest of the year," commented Phelan, "I don't agree and think the event could have been handled differently to get our fans there."

The 2020 stats are three or four games shy of a typical "Cowboy" football year, but Phelan still threw for 1,024 yards,

primarily to White with 402 yards, Turner with 252 yards, Clatterbaugh with 160 yards and Braydon Garcia with 120. On the ground Turner led the team with 670 yards, Woodward had 591, and Phelan 141. Total yard leaders for the team were Phelan, Turner and Woodward.

Defensively Clatterbaugh led the team in tackles with 55. Connor Blunt and Eskelson each had 41, and Woodward 38. Seven Cowboys posted stats for sacks this season, led by John Hampton Hightower with two. Turner and Trinden Powell each had three interceptions, but Clatterbaugh's interception yielded the most yards — 75 — and Liam Deming had one for 54 yards.

This year's seniors were Garcia, Clatterbaugh, Sheridan, Phelan, Woodward, Ethan Drake, Justin Henderson, White, and Josh Murphy.

"We really enjoyed this year's seniors and they will be sorely missed," commented Phelan. "It is disappointing to not be able to continue with this group of boys, but sometimes that is how these things go."



MATT SCOGGINS PHOTO

Rangely ends season with loss to Dove Creek

Special to the Herald Times

RANGELY I The Panther football team's season concluded with a loss to Dove Creek in the 8-man Colorado State Quarterfinals on Saturday, Nov. 21. The Panthers fell to a final score of 30-12. Although the Panthers did not reach the state championship game and bring home the illustrious state championship title, their season is something, according to head coach Paul Fortunato, "...that the seniors will forever be able to hang their hats on." The Panthers were able to bring home the first outright league championship in 30 years.

Rangely will graduate a very talented group of six seniors. These six seniors include four-year starter Anthony Lujan, Austin Davis, Gabe Polley, Ryan Richens, Sydney Cole and Anthony Garner. During their high school career, these six Panthers built up a 21-14 overall record and three straight trips to the Colorado 8-man playoffs, including two trips into the state

quarterfinals and one into the round of 16 teams.

Fortunato and the rest of his staff will fill those large voids left by the senior graduates in the spring and summer with workouts, but it will not be easy. Lujan, Davis, and Polley consistently for two years were in the top five in total tackles on the seasons, as their names were prevalently called throughout the games. Polley and Davis also led the very talented offensive line for two years as Lujan was the signal-caller at quarterback. Richens was a large target for Lujan and Myers at quarterback for the two seasons, and Cole is a massive body for both the offensive and defensive lines that will be replaced. Garner, who played mostly as a role player, will leave a void that he consistently looked at as the next-man-up for the Panthers his senior year.

Anthony Garcia, the founder of the MileHigh Prep Report that provides coverage for schools in 2A-6-man leagues, chose numerous Panther players and coaches for season accolades for the second season in a

row. To start, Coach Fortunato was named the Northwest League Coach of the Year, his second award from MileHigh Preps. Junior running back Zane Varner was named player of the year in the Northwest League MileHigh Prep Awards. He averaged 7.1 per rushing attempt with 920 total rushing yards on the year, eight rushing touchdowns, and one touchdown received on offense. On defense, Varner amassed 43 tackles and was a key player on both sides of the ball for the Panthers. Other players named this list were quarterback Keihlin Myers, FB/ QB Anthony Lujan, WR Ryan Richens, OL Gabe Polley, OL Austin Davis, and OL Byron Mackay. The Panthers defense was also recognized, with five members being chosen. Gabe Polley, Austin Davis, junior Timothy Scoggins, and sophomore Marstan Wagner were all picked by Garcia for the all-defense team.

Members of all classes well represented the Panthers season accolades, and this is something to be excited and proud of for every member of the Panther football

team. The Panthers will not rebuild from this year and vacated spots by graduating seniors, but instead, they will re-load for the 2021 campaign. The depth and talent in the upcoming classes excite the Panther coaching staff.

The Rangely Panthers football team would like to send a special thank you to every parent involved or represented in the program. Without your support, the dream of this league championship season would not have been achieved. Another special thank you from the coaching staff is sent out to the Rangely Panther Pride Booster Club. This wonderful group of parents met weekly to provide team dinners to the football team, blowing up and taking down the large inflatable helmet and hanging the booster member banners seen every home game at Yeager Field. Thank you to everyone involved in the 2021 football season, from administration members to community members, who showed us their fantastic support all season long. Without you, our dreams are not possible.

THE STRIP

White River National Forest to offer more than 160 temporary summer jobs

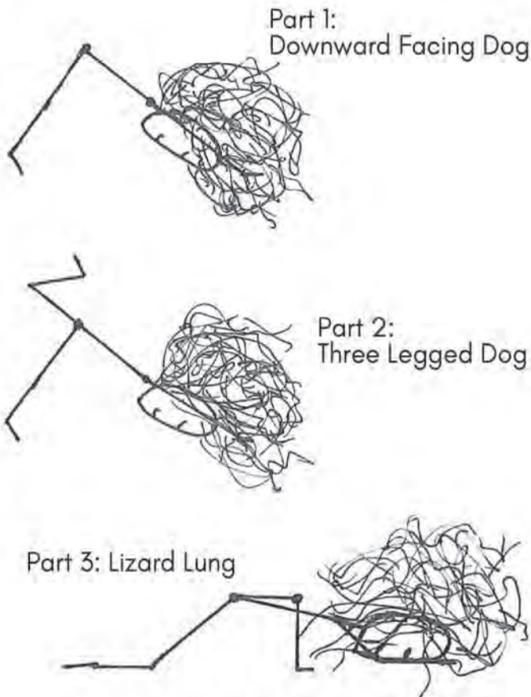
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Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The time to apply for more than 160 temporary positions for the 2021 season on the White River National Forest is quickly approaching.

Temporary wildland fire positions are open for applications now through Nov. 27, while the application period for a large variety of non-fire jobs including resource, recreation and support positions runs Dec. 1-11.

"These temporary positions are open to people across the country, and we want to make sure local residents know about this great opportunity to work for their local forest," said Acting Forest Supervisor Lisa Stoeffler.

The application period is open through Nov. 27 for 17 temporary wildfire

positions on the White River National Forest, including firefighters (called forestry technicians or aids), helitack crew members, and dispatchers. The positions are based in Grand Junction, Rifle, Eagle and Silverthorne. Offers will be made in January with the season typically beginning in April and ending in October, depending on weather and funding.

The Forest will also be advertising more than 150 non-fire temporary positions Dec. 1-11. These jobs include customer service; recreation; wilderness and trails; biological technicians in wildlife, fisheries and botany; range management; and equipment operators. Locations include Aspen, Carbondale, Eagle, Glenwood Springs, Meeker, Minturn, and Silverthorne. Position starting and ending dates vary, but they cover the 2021 field season, typically April

or May through September.

"We look for dedicated individuals from all walks of life and of all abilities to join our workforce," Stoeffler said. "Temporary positions with the USDA Forest Service are a great way to gain valuable experience, work outdoors, and get exposure to different careers."

View the announcements and apply for the jobs on www.USAJOB.gov. More information about positions across the Rocky Mountain Region is available on www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs. Visit Tips for Applicants for help with the application process. For specific questions about the jobs offered by the White River National Forest, call 970-404-3172 or log onto www.fs.usda.gov/main/whiteriver/about-forest/jobs.

Upcoming winter travel season brings annual changes to road use

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The White River National Forest's winter motor vehicle use season begins Nov. 23.

During the winter season, all wheeled vehicles, including bikes, are limited to plowed routes or designated routes open through special order. Winter Motor Vehicle Use Maps identify routes and areas designated for "over the

snow" motor vehicle travel, such as snowmobiles. Motor Vehicle Use Maps are free and available at all Ranger Districts or online.

"These winter regulations are an important part of keeping the White River National Forest a premiere location for winter recreation by helping maintain conditions for activities like snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing," said Acting Forest Supervisor Lisa Stoeffler. "They

are also in place to protect road quality, public safety and critical winter habitat for wildlife."

During the winter months, snowmobile clubs groom many roads for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing as a public service using volunteer time and funding from private and partner sources. Respecting signs and travel restrictions will help protect this investment in maintaining groomed surfaces and winter

recreation opportunities.

The Vail Pass Winter Recreation Area switched to winter use Nov. 16. Fee collections for this area will begin on Nov. 28 when grooming starts. Day passes are \$10 and season passes are \$65.

For more information about winter travel on the White River National Forest, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver> or contact your local Ranger District Office.

Colorado State Patrol Activates COVID-19 Call Center

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | As the COVID-19 cases continue to rise across our state, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) has activated a call center to assist our emergency dispatch

centers and Emergency Operations Centers in offsetting the large number of phone calls coming in from the public for general information or assistance related to the pandemic. Community members, public safety workers, and individuals in the business sector are seeking guidance from law enforcement concerning state public health orders. Our mission

is to help triage questions from the public from a law enforcement perspective and to assist the public with finding answers. The call center is NOT a 911 center and is not intended to assist with emergencies.

Those who may find this call center of assistance are:

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- Local emergency operations centers

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Meeker School Board makes adjustments for COVID-19

BY NIKI TURNER
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MEEKER | While the number of COVID-19 cases within the Meeker School District (MSD) remains low, and data indicates transmission of the virus in schools is low, quarantine requirements have strained the system. The MSD Board of Education approved a number of new substitute teachers Monday to help fill the gaps when staff are required to quarantine for 14 days.

Meeker High School student parent Justin Blagg addressed the board during public comment with concerns that the school had initially insisted his daughter, in self-quarantine, attend in-person testing for two classes. Blagg said he offered various options, and was frustrated by the response he received.

"I made a tough decision that I felt was in the best interest of my family to self-quarantine my daughter," Blagg said. "This shouldn't be an issue." He added that since his initial interaction, the school had offered a remote option for his daughter. "I don't need to deal with this stress. I don't think any parents do. We need to pull it together as a community for real."

Superintendent Chris Selle told the board the budget outlook is "higher than anticipated" for the 2020-21 school year, but to expect 2021-22 to be difficult. Legislation passed in the November election should benefit rural schools, he said.

Construction of the bus garage is "wrapping up," and the high school is expected to move into the finished spaces on Dec. 7.

The board approved a bid for a utility vehicle from Rifle Powersports for \$26,000.

COVID-19 update
The switch to hybrid learning (alternating days in-person and online) for students in third-12th grades was decided after the district crossed five of six thresholds set back in July and after a recommendation from public health.

Selle said new data indicates that in-person learning is "safest in terms of physical safety and social/emotional well-being for students." Evidence indicates students who test positive are being exposed outside of the school environment, and suggested there is value in reconsidering some of the metrics established last summer in order to extend in-person learning.

"Decisions made in July and August were made not knowing what was going to happen when we put kids back in school. What we've learned is that kids are pretty safe in school from virus transmission," Selle said. The district will remain in the hybrid model through Christmas break, regardless.

Finding ways to navigate staff and student absences due to quarantine restrictions, and providing an online option for parents who do not want to send their children back to in-person learning are topics to be worked through.

Dr. Bob Dorsett, board member, said he would like to see options discussed with staff, and warned that the uptick in cases could make a difference going forward.

"The main reason schools have been safe places is the rules have been enforced in the schools," Dorsett said. "I think there's more we might consider doing in that regard."

At the close of the meeting, board members sang "happy birthday" to MHS Principal Amy Chinn and MSD Financial Director Janelle Urista.



Image of wolf from a game camera, taken Oct 15, 2020, in Moffat County.

Photo courtesy: Defenders of Wildlife

COURTESY PHOTO

Wolves are still protected in the State of Colorado

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | On Nov. 3, Colorado voters passed Proposition #114 - The Restoration of Gray Wolves, a measure directing the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to develop a plan to reintroduce gray wolves west of the Continental Divide. The passage of Proposition 114 has led to increased interest in wolves in Colorado, specifically, the wolf pack previously confirmed to be present in Moffat County.

The gray wolf remains under the management control of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until at least Jan. 4, 2021, when the proposed removal of Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections would take effect. At this time, CPW continues to monitor the area and take sighting reports and game camera images from citizens, sportspeople and others on the ground.

"The federal delisting discussion has caused some confusion in the state about the status of gray wolves in Colorado," said Dan Prenzl, director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "Regardless of the USFWS listing status, gray wolves remain listed as a state endangered species, and killing a wolf in Colorado for any reason other than self-defense remains illegal."

While protected under the ESA, killing a wolf in Colorado can result in federal charges, including a \$100,000 fine and a year in prison, per offense. As the

gray wolf remains a state endangered species, severe penalties will still apply when CPW regains management control in the state.

Wolves are elusive in nature, making visual confirmation more challenging than some other species. Despite this, game camera images, as well as tracks and fur, have been detected in the field throughout the summer and into November.

"As recently as last week we have confirmed the presence of wolves in Moffat County via pictures and recorded howling. Staff will continue monitoring the area as part of our overall wildlife management and conservation duties, and we will share information when we have updates or can help clear up any misunderstanding of wolf activity in Colorado," said Prenzl.

The public is urged to contact CPW immediately and fill out a report if they see or hear wolves or find evidence of any wolf activity in Colorado. The Wolf Sighting Form can be found on the CPW website.

At the Nov. 19, 2020, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting, the commission discussed their next steps in undertaking the planning efforts directed by Proposition 114. To stay updated on wolves in Colorado, visit the wolf management page of our website, or sign up for the CPW eNews newsletter.

White River Algae Study update

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | The White River Conservation District and Douglas Creek Conservation District (Districts) are pleased to report that the White River Algae Study is on course for completion as anticipated. We expected significant algal growth this summer with warm temperatures and low flows. However, all reports indicate algae levels were much less than expected. United States Geological Survey (USGS) staff found plenty of algae but there is not an overabundance of Cladophora as seen a few years ago. We look forward to seeing if there are any significant differences in nutrient levels relative to past years.

The Districts continued working with volunteers to take pictures of the river at weekly and then daily intervals to determine the peak of algae growth which was predicted to be about the first week of August. Rio Blanco County Planner Leif Joy also captured images along the river with a drone during early August to compare with images from the last two years.

The White River Technical Advisory Group (TAG) added a couple of tasks to the USGS scope of work this year including taxonomic identifications and supplementing stream flow measurements. These additional tasks were covered by a matching grant and allowed USGS to spend a week longer in the basin making observations and taking more notes. While community members reported potentially more algae in the South Fork, USGS staff indicated there didn't appear to be Cladophora growth during their observations. We will have good data to compare at each site over the past

three years for verification.

The USGS crew sampled during high flow and in early August. Their final sampling event was in October during low flow, steady state conditions. This effort focused on nutrient levels while stream flows were stable, and algae was primarily dormant. The hope is to clearly identify any areas where nutrient levels are elevated and potentially identify any sources and source areas.

Additionally, the Districts are working with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and Trout Unlimited (TU) to conduct an analysis of the White River benthic macroinvertebrate data, which has been collected for several years. To expedite the results of these studies, the Districts contracted with a third party to analyze the data and finalize a report by year-end to ensure the information will be included in the USGS final report.

The Algae Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will be hearing an update from the USGS in early December. The Districts are working with USGS to provide a recording of the status update in January that would be available to the public on the Districts' website.

The three-year White River Algae Study will wrap up by the end of 2020 and USGS will finalize their analysis and provide a report in 2021. The Districts and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) appreciate the community's support in this effort and look forward to providing the final report in late 2021.

Please contact the District office at 970-878-9838 with any questions.

Tri-State community solar program advances additional member flexibility

Special to the Herald Times

RBC | Members of not-for-profit interstate power supplier Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association will soon have expanded opportunities to pursue community solar projects through a new program developed by Tri-State's members. Consumer-members of Gunnison County Electric Association in western Colorado stand ready to benefit from the new option.

Community solar projects are marketed to retail consumers under subscription arrangements. Tri-State's community solar program was developed by the cooperative's utility members in 2019 to provide additional flexibility for member community solar projects, in addition to the 5% self-supply provisions in their existing wholesale power contracts and a new partial requirements contract option to self-supply up to 50% of member's power needs.

As a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulated utility, Tri-State is required to file its community solar program for acceptance and approval from FERC. Under FERC's rate regulation of Tri-State, each member across four states can participate in the federal regulator's review of Tri-State's tariffs, contracts and

policies, including the policy that implements the community solar program.

Colorado-based Gunnison County Electric Association (GCEA) is the first Tri-State member to take advantage of the flexibility offered by the new program. With FERC approval of the program, the distribution cooperative will move forward with a 101-kilowatt community solar project in the town of Gunnison, Colo. GCEA already is taking consumer reservations for the project.

"With the great interest in this option, consumers have already reserved 80% of the capacity to be made available in our first community solar project under this new program. In addition, we've started planning for our next project, and already have a waiting list for monthly subscriptions in that project," said Mike McBride, CEO of Gunnison County Electric Association.

"Our co-op values the flexibility with Tri-State to develop both community solar options for consumers, as well local renewable energy projects to serve all of our consumers. We also benefit from Tri-State's substantial and growing renewable energy portfolio," McBride said. "Our goal is to fully utilize the 7% of flexible self-supply available under our

current contract which, with Tri-State's renewables, will result in more than 50% renewable energy for our members and lower wholesale power costs by 2024."

Earlier this month, Tri-State's board of directors announced a goal to reduce its wholesale rates to members 8% by the end of 2023.

"We continue to implement important components of our Responsible Energy Plan, providing more options for our members to develop local renewable resources, lowering our emissions and increasing clean energy, all while reducing our rates to our members," said Duane Highley, CEO for Tri-State.

Tri-State's utility members can develop community solar projects totaling up to 4,600,000 kilowatt-hours, or 2% of their purchases from Tri-State, whichever is lower. The community solar program is in addition to the 5% local renewable energy provision and is separate from Tri-State's flexible partial requirements contract option. Under the partial requirements option, utility members of Tri-State will be able to express their intent to transition to a partial requirements contract by participating in an open season period to allocate an aggregate 300 megawatts of system-wide member self-supply capacity.

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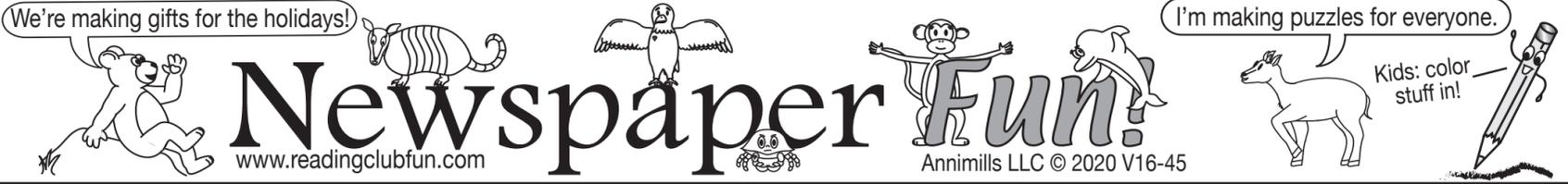
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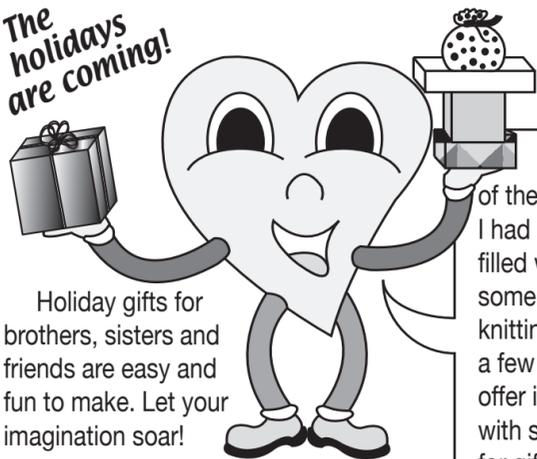


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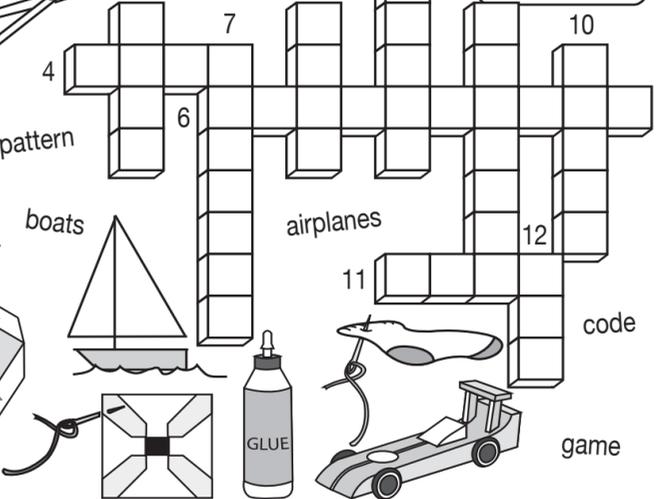
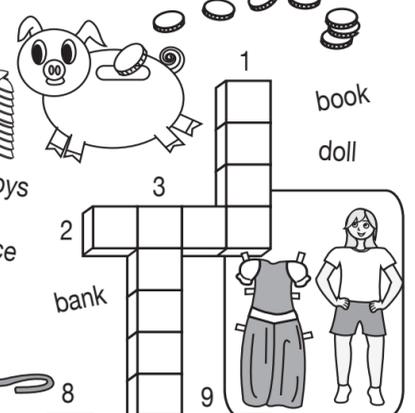
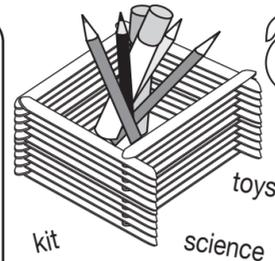
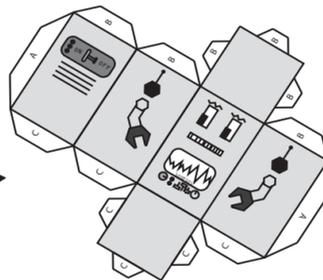
Wow! I went to the library and stood in front of the "do it and make it yourself" section of books. I had no idea how many books there are, each filled with ideas for making presents. You need some basic skills for some of the ideas, such as knitting, sewing or woodworking. Some gifts require a few small purchases. But, most of these books offer ideas for plenty of gifts that anyone can make with stuff around the house. So...not much money for gifts this holiday season? No excuses anymore - get to work on these gifts from the hands *and* heart!

Holiday gifts for brothers, sisters and friends are easy and fun to make. Let your imagination soar!

Plan and make your gifts ahead so you won't get crushed in the holiday rush!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

1. write a mystery and create a secret _____ to solve it
2. design and make a board _____
3. cut, fold, decorate a set of paper _____ to fly
4. put together a box or basket with small _____ in it: cars, dinosaurs, or farm animals
5. cut and draw to make a flip _____ of "moving images"
6. start a _____: baseball cards, miniatures, badges
7. make a _____ box: a small magnifying glass, items to study - yarn, leaf, a dust ball, a rock, a flower
8. draw and cut out a paper _____, make clothes with tabs to fit
9. use a ruler or computer to create a simple _____ that can be folded, made into a toy
10. turn milk cartons into paddle _____ that really float
11. make a _____ - be a sport and put a few coins in it
12. gather buttons, old jewelry, ribbons, colored string, etc., to put in a "_____ to make stuff"



Gifts For Family and Friends

Match the activities in each set to the gifts that will be made.

1. printing, painting, coloring
2. measuring, mixing, baking
3. tying ribbons, gluing beads
4. covering with paper, foil separating sections inside
5. making your own pieces to play with on the board

- A. tic-tac-toe, checkers
- B. decorative hangers
- C. wrapping paper
- D. box to hold change, keys, watches
- E. favorite cookies, candy

1. rubber stamping, inking, gluing glitter
2. painting, personalizing, gluing felt to the bottom
3. writing, promising, helping
4. melting, coloring, scenting wax, dipping string
5. drawing 12 seasonal pictures of times with your family, dates, days

- A. brick book ends
- B. candles
- C. calendar
- D. pop-up cards, writing paper
- E. book with coupons that can be "turned in" to get extra help with chores



You can make most of these gifts yourself. But, a few require adult supervision... so ask first!

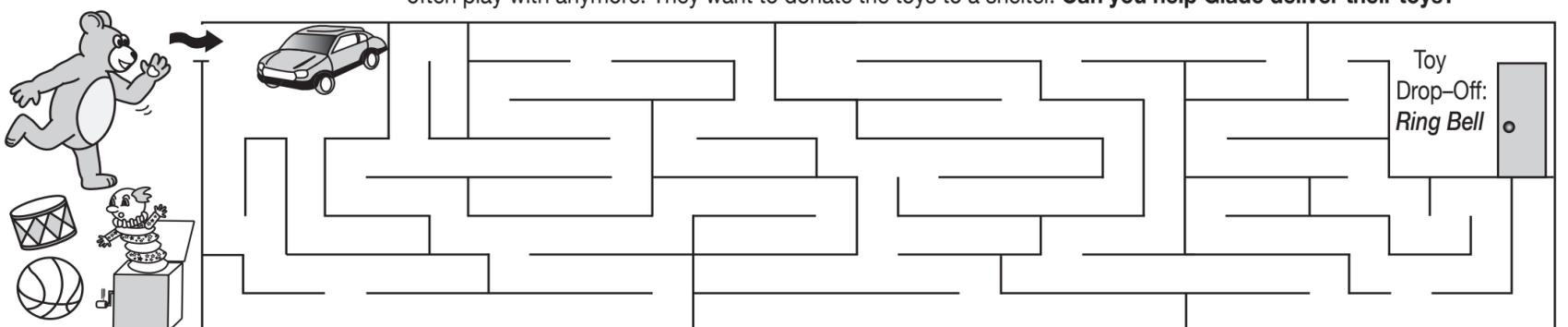


It's always fun to *paint* something. There are so many things that you can decorate! Fill in the list of items below with letters from the paint palette:

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3. lu _ ch ba _ s
4. gi _ tw _ ap
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10. to _ e ba _ s
11. a _ ro _ s
12. s _ hool bo _ es

Toys For Others

Forest and Glade went through their closets and found toys that are in very good shape, but that they do not often play with anymore. They want to donate the toys to a shelter. **Can you help Glade deliver their toys?**



DAYS GONE BY

The Meeker Herald
125 years ago

J.E. Collins, the jeweler, is now located two doors above the Oldland store.
A large number of out-of-town people spent Thanksgiving day in Meeker and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. In the evening a very pleasant and well-attended dance was given at Odd Fellow's hall by the Mozart orchestra.

The congressman without a financial scheme should lose no time in putting himself on exhibition.

The Meeker Herald
100 years ago

The commissioner of Prohibition, at Washington, now decides that each householder is entitled to brew annually 200 gallons of home brew. This will

help some.
The Odd Fellows had a record breaking attendance had lots of fun and a good time, despite the jam. Gretta Crawford took the girls prize for best costume and Horace Harp the men's prize. Miss Crawford had one of the most original costumes that has been seen for some time. She masked as a turkey and did it in style.

The Meeker Herald

50 years ago

Library Complex Building Proposed by Fairfield Trust — The first major project utilizing annual interest from the \$2 million Town of Meeker Trust Fund, was initiated last week when the Freeman E. Fairfield Trust committee met with a group of seven Meeker people who will work with a planning firm retained by the committee.

Sonic Booms felt in Meeker: Thursday, Nov. 19, 12:33 p.m.. 2:09 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 11:35 p.m.

The Meeker Herald
25 years ago

The Rio Blanco County Board of County Commissioners Monday signed the long-awaited Ute Terrace subdivision easement agreement. The signing clears the way for the final subdivision plat, and means that Meeker will soon have a new housing subdivision.

The Town of Meeker invested about \$30,000 in this Vermeer chipping machine recently, and according to "Shorty" Frantz, the machine will be a godsend to the town.

Rangely Times
50 years ago

The last remaining buildings of the old White Motel on Main Street were being torn down this week to make way for the new library. Built in the early '40s, several of the buildings were razed a few years ago.

Among businesses housed in the units were Walt's Firestone Store, The Rangely Driller, E&S Plumbing, Rangely Plumbing, Rangely Furniture, White's Motel, E.E. Urquhart Business Service and many others.

Northwest League 1970 All-Conference selections, Scott Brady and Mike Rasmussen head the Panther squad this season.

Rangely Times
25 years ago

In a joint, cooperative effort of various entities, the Rangely Regional Library recently received a donated computer to provide additional resources to the community. Diane Higgins, Library Director, said this computer will make an excellent addition to the services available to the public. The computer will have DOS 5.0 and WordPerfect 5.1.

Matthew G. Scoggins, CPA, has joined the Certified Public Accounting firm of Schofield & Associates, P.C. Joining Scoggins is his wife Elizabeth and 10-month old son William.

CROSSWORD

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

THEME: FAMOUS LANDMARKS

- ACROSS**
- Octagonal sign
 - "Don't have a ____!"
 - Can of worms
 - Pathetic
 - Spanish sparkling wine
 - Pico de gallo
 - WWII side
 - Like word of mouth
 - Church song
 - *Victoria in Zimbabwe or Horseshoe in Canada
 - *Home to Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle
 - Massachusetts university
 - "____ Be Home For Christmas"
 - Olympic torch, e.g.
 - On the move
 - Menu words
 - *Golden Gate or Mackinac
 - Goodbye, to bambino
- DOWN**
- BBQ side
 - Taxon, pl.
 - Fail to mention
 - Bygone Spanish money
 - Jeweler's unit
 - Egg-like curves
 - *The Western one in Israel or the Great one in China
 - *La Sagrada Familia or St. Peter's
 - Having wings
 - ____ of Man
 - Scottish cap
 - Ceiling panel in the Pantheon
 - Type of wheat
 - Cuban dance
 - Glacier matter
 - Medieval knight's spiky weapon
 - Coffee shop order
 - *Home to Taj Mahal
 - Phonograph record
 - Artist's support
 - Back, at sea
 - Director Reitman
 - Indian restaurant staple
 - Giant Hall-of-Famer
 - *Moulin Rouge or Netherland's landmark
 - Incense without prefix
 - Weasel-related onomatopoeia
 - Enigma machine's output
 - One born to Japanese immigrants
 - Roman magistrate
 - Hawaiian veranda
 - V.C. Andrews' "Flowers in the ____"
 - Naysayer's favorite prefix
 - Bucolic poem
 - Type in all ____
 - Agitate
 - Hole punchers
 - Like the White Rabbit
 - Any doctrine

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WRNF to offer 160+ temp summer jobs

PRESS RELEASE
Special to the Herald Times

RBC I The time to apply for more than 160 temporary positions for the 2021 season on the White River National Forest is quickly approaching.

Temporary wildland fire positions are open for applications now through Nov. 27, while the application period for a large variety of non-fire jobs including resource, recreation and support positions runs Dec. 1-11.

“These temporary positions are open to people across the country, and we want to make sure local residents know about

this great opportunity to work for their local forest,” said Acting Forest Supervisor Lisa Stoeffler.

The application period is open through Nov. 27 for 17 temporary wildfire positions on the White River National Forest, including firefighters (called forestry technicians or aids), helitack crew members, and dispatchers. The positions are based in Grand Junction, Rifle, Eagle and Silverthorne. Offers will be made in January with the season typically beginning in April and ending in October, depending on weather and funding.

The Forest will also be

advertising more than 150 non-fire temporary positions Dec. 1-11. These jobs include customer service; recreation; wilderness and trails; biological technicians in wildlife, fisheries and botany; range management; and equipment operators. Locations include Aspen, Carbondale, Eagle, Glenwood Springs, Meeker, Minturn, and Silverthorne. Position starting and ending dates vary, but they cover the 2021 field season, typically April or May through September.

“We look for dedicated individuals from all walks of life and of all abilities to join our workforce,” Stoeffler said.

“Temporary positions with the USDA Forest Service are a great way to gain valuable experience, work outdoors, and get exposure to different careers.”

View the announcements and apply for the jobs on www.USAJOB.gov. More information about positions across the Rocky Mountain Region is available on www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/jobs. Visit Tips for Applicants for help with the application process. For specific questions about the jobs offered by the White River National Forest, call 970-404-3172 or log onto www.fs.usda.gov/main/whiteriver/about-forest/jobs.

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- Utilities included in rent
- On site laundry facility
- Communal Kitchen for entertaining
- Monthly Resident activity-ties
- Beautifully landscaped
- On-call management for repairs and grounds maintenance
- Centrally located within beautiful Rangely
- Access to the Rangely Rambler transportation
- Cross the street from the Radino Senior Center
- Pet friendly* (Restrictions apply)

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In the Matter of the Estate of Ronald Lee Davis a/k/a Ronald Davis, Deceased
Attorneys: Steerman Law Offices, PLLC, Meeker, Colorado

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of **Ronald Lee Davis a/k/a Ronald Davis, Deceased** Case Number **2020PR30015**
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of **Rio Blanco County, Colorado** on or before **March 26, 2021**, or the claims may be forever barred.

James N. Harris
Name of Person giving notice
1170 Gail Circle
Address
Meeker, CO 81641
City State Zip
Published: November 19, 26 and December 3, 2020
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Shirley F. Cox, aka Shirley Faye Cox, Deceased, Rio Blanco County District Court Case Number 2020PR30014.
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Rio Blanco County, Colorado on or before March 13, 2021, or the claims may be forever barred.
Wade Ray Cox, Personal Representative
c/o Olszewski, Massih & Maurer, P.C.
P.O. Box 916
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
Published: November 12, 19 and 26, 2020
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MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT
December 9, 2020
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

- Call to order
- Additions or Changes to the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of November 4, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Public Comments
- Budget Hearing
- New Business

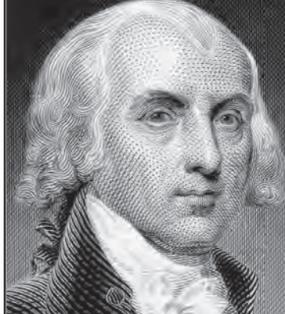
A. Property Tax Liens
B. Property and Liability Insurance Renewal
C. State Compensation Insurance Renewal

D. USGS Water Sampling Agreement
E. Holidays for 2021
F. Board Meeting Dates for 2021
7. Old Business
A. Plant Report
8. Office Report
8. Attorney
9. Board Reports
Delinquent Accounts
Approve Current Bills
10. Adjourn
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• BUDGET NOTICE •

NOTICE OF BUDGET
Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT for the ensuing year of 2021. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT, where same is open for public inspection. That such proposed budget will be considered at a regular meeting of the MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT to be held at 265 Eighth Street, Meeker, Colorado on December 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM.
Any interested elector of such MEEKER SANITATION DISTRICT may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.
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HELP WANTED

RANGELY

Police Patrol Officer Rangely Police Department

The Rangely Police Department Police Patrol Officer I position requires that candidate have a High School Diploma or GED, A VALID Colorado Driver's License and must be 21 years of age. Applicants must be Colorado Post-certified and able to perform all essential job functions and peripheral duties as well as meet specific knowledge and skill requirements. This position requires 2-5 years prior experience. Salary range is \$50,000-58,000 and would be evaluated and commensurate with the candidate's qualifications. Benefits Health, Dental, Life Insurance, Short Term Disability, Credit Union Membership, WRB Park & Recreation Admission, and Retirement with matched contribution by Town of Rangely. Vacation, Sick, and Personal Days start accruing immediately. Successful applicants for the position will be administered a psychological test, pre-employment drug screen, physical/function capacity test, polygraph and full background check. Applicant must be able to work rotating shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Applications may be obtained from the personnel department (970)675-8476 or police administration (970)675-8467. Applications are also available on our website at www.rangely.com. Email resume and completed application to thamblin@rangelyco.gov. Please visit our website and see everything that Rangely has to offer. We look forward to hearing from you! Position is Open until filled. The Town of Rangely is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Job Type: Full-time

RANGELY

Police Lieutenant Rangely Police Department

The Rangely Police Department Lieutenant position basic requirements are that candidate have a High School Diploma or GED, A VALID Colorado Driver's License and must be 21 years of age. Applicants must be Colorado Post-certified and able to perform all essential job functions and peripheral duties as well as meet specific knowledge and skill requirements. The advanced skills include administrative, planning, organizing and supervising officers and activities as assigned. The Lieutenant will also promote and assist the Chief of Police with the department's long-range goals, objectives, scheduling, policies and more difficult police & investigative issues. This position required 8-10 years prior experience. Salary range is \$55,000-65,000 and would be evaluated and commensurate with the candidate's qualifications. Benefits Health, Dental, Life Insurance, Short Term Disability, Credit Union Membership, WRB Park & Recreation Admission, and Retirement with matched contribution by Town of Rangely. Vacation, Sick, and Personal Days start accruing immediately. Successful applicants for the position will be administered a psychological test, pre-employment drug screen, physical/function capacity test, polygraph and full background check. Applicant must be able to work rotating shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Applications may be obtained from the personnel department (970)675-8476 or police administration (970)675-8467. Applications are also available on our website at www.rangely.com. Email resume and completed application to thamblin@rangelyco.gov. Please visit our website and see everything that Rangely has to offer. We look forward to hearing from you! Position is Open until filled. The Town of Rangely is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Job Type: Full-time

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Town of Rangely Custodian Position

The Town of Rangely has an immediate opening for Custodian Position. Essential Functions include but are not limited to Keeps building and property in clean and orderly condition, perform routine maintenance inside and outside of buildings when necessary, perform annual cleaning for tasks as needed. Follow procedures for the use of chemical cleaners and power machinery to prevent damage. Manages inventory of cleaning and maintenance supplies. Maintains confidentiality of all Town related documents that you may come into contact with when performing duties.

This position will be a full time position with benefits. Pay will depend on experience. To apply submit a completed application to the Town of Rangely at 209 E Main Street, Rangely Colorado 81648. Applications are also available on our website at www.rangely.com. Email resume and completed application to mcox@rangelyco.gov. Position is Open until filled. The Town of Rangely is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Case Aide, part-time
- Public Health Nurse - PRN
- Relief Radino Driver, Rng
- Treasury Clerk, part-time

For details and a Rio Blanco County application, please go to www.rbc.us or Rio Blanco County HR at 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. 970-878-9570. ADA/EOE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Delivery of meals for senior meals Meeker and Rangely
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Contact White River Roundup, 878-9652

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MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

Employment Opportunities

District

- Food Service Cook
- Head Custodian
- Substitute Teacher

Barone Middle School

- Co-Head Coach Boys' Basketball
- Paraprofessional Interventionist

ADA/EOE
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Veterans Service Offices Rio Blanco County: Veterans Service Officer - Joe Dungan, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Administration Building, 200 Main Street Suite 300, Meeker. 878-9690 office, 878-3219 home. Fax 878-9581. Rangely: Veterans Service Officer - Hoot Gibson, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., County Annex, 17497 State Hwy 64, Rangely. 878-9695 office, 675-2669 home.

AA & Al-Anon Meetings - Rangely Alcoholics Anonymous - Open meetings Tues & Thurs, 7 p.m., 115 Kennedy Dr., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rangely.
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